

Multicultural training workshop gives Daytona Beach students new view

NASA/KSC's multicultural training workshop reached into the community earlier this month when three program facilitators presented the program to a group of Daytona Beach students.

Sue Dickinson, air resources lead, Gregg Buckingham, university programs manager, and Michael Bell of the Administration Office led the session for 35 members of the Daytona Beach Teen Advisory Board Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Daytona Beach Police Athletic League Center.

The session turned out to be nearly as revealing for the presenters as for the students.

"Although the students come from a variety of cultures, some of them weren't aware of the day-to-day prejudices they might experience," said Dickinson.

During the daylong workshop students took part in exercises on themes such as unconscious prejudice and societal roles.

Stereotypes for groups such as jocks, good students, males, females and mixed race students were noted and discussed.

Students responded favorably to the class with 18 offering an excellent and 16 a good rating in a post-course evaluation. Comments that came back included: "Nothing was bad, just difficult to do. But that's a good thing because not everything will be easy."

Vernetta Chavis, who works in the Engineering Support Office and whose daughter,



THREE FEMALE students list some of the stereotypes they have experienced as part of an exercise offered during the multicultural training workshop presented to members of the Daytona Beach Teen Advisory Board earlier this month. Students and the Kennedy Space Center facilitators studied issues such as unconscious prejudice and societal roles during the daylong session.

Angeleah, is a member of the advisory board, initiated the off-center presentation after she attended the course at work.

"I enjoyed our training so much I talked to the police officer who sponsors the advisory board and asked if they would be willing to hold the class," she said.

The officer, Suzette Moss, said she was excited by the prospect of interaction between the students and NASA employees. In addition to serving as role models, the facilitators spent time individually with the students during the lunch break. An impromptu basketball game led to some good-natured competition and enabled the

students and facilitators to learn more about each other.

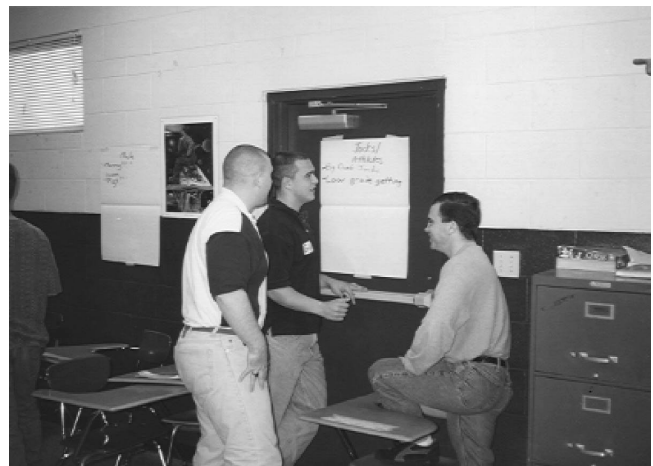
The board members represent 12 Daytona Beach middle and high schools, both public and private.

The students meet monthly and discuss issues ranging from smoking at school to environmental concerns.

Additional comments on the evaluation sheets show that, as a result of the class, students plan to make some changes in the way they relate to others.

"I've always had an open mind, but it has opened up a little more," one student wrote.

"Because of this class, I will now think about people's feelings before I stereotype them," wrote another.



THREE MALE students list some of the stereotypes they have encountered as they take part in the stereotyping exercise.

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The registration package must be completed and returned no later than April 15. Finalists will be notified by May 17.

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For more information or to obtain an application, contact Vickie Hall, LO-SOD-1, at 861-1455, or Clara Anderson, TM-ADM, at 867-3898.